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10	DISTRICT	OF ARIZONA
11	Kini M. Seawright; et al.,	
12	Plaintiff,	No. CV11-01304-PHX-JAT
13	v.	DEFENDANTS' SEPARATE STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT
	State of Arizona; et al.,	OF SUMMARY JUDGMENT
14	Defendants.	
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16	Defendants ¹ , through undersigned counsel, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c) and	
17	LRCiv 56.1(a), submit their separate statement of facts in support of summary judgment.	
18	1. Dana Seawright, ADC #195	344, was a felon incarcerated with the Arizona
19	Department of Correction ("ADC") for	r the third time. ² (Certified Public Adult
20	Information Management System (AIMS) Report of Dana Seawright (Feb. 22, 2013),
21	attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.) Seawright was	
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23		Edna Jackson-Bey, Clayton Thompson, and
24	Jennifer Blondin. 2 Seawright was first committed to Al	DC on May 24, 2005 for abargos involving
25	Scawinght was first committed to A	DC on May 24, 2005 for charges involving amage and aggravated assault. On June 25,
26		ADC for two counts of unlawful use of means eath, Seawright was serving out a twelve-year
27	sentence for dangerous drug violation,	unlawful use of means of transportation, two
28	counts of marijuana violation and four	counts of drug paraphernalia. (Ex. A.)
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committed to the ADC on or about November 24, 2009, to serve out a twelve-year 1 2 sentence related to various felony charges. (*Id.*) 3 ASPC-Lewis-Stiner, Dorm 2 2. The Arizona State Prison Complex ("ASPC")-Lewis ("Lewis") is 4 5 comprised of six prison units, with an additional three units located across the highway, and is located in Buckeye, Arizona. (Declaration of Keith Smith at ¶ 3 (Feb. 28, 2013) 6 7 (hereinafter "Smith at __"), attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference; see Declaration of Custodian of Records (02/28/2013), attached hereto as 9 Exhibit I and incorporated herein by this reference.) 10 3. At the main Lewis complex there are three units on the west side of the 11 complex—Rast Unit, Buckley Unit, and Morey Unit—and three units on the east side of 12 the complex—Bachman Unit, Barchey Unit, and Stiner Unit ("Stiner"). (Id.) The main Stiner yard³ is comprised of six dormitory-style housing units 13 4. 14 15 16

- (numbered 1-6), as well as other buildings, such as a kitchen and dining hall, and classrooms and administrative offices. (Id. at 4; Declaration of Edna Jackson-Bey at ¶ 3 (Feb. 27, 2013) (hereinafter "Jackson-Bey at __"), attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by this reference; see Ex. I.)
- 5. Stiner is divided into two yards by a physical barrier, i.e., a security fence, with a guard tower between the two yards. (Smith at 4.)
- 6. Dorms 1 through 3 are located on the Blue Yard and Dorms 4 through 6 are located on the Red Yard. (Id.)
 - 7. The yards are used mainly for recreation. (*Id.*)
- 8. Each Stiner dorm houses approximately 184 inmates and is identical in layout. (Smith at 5; Jackson-Bey at 4.)

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The Detention Unit is not considered part of the main Stiner yard. It is located to the west of the main Stiner yard, is separated by a security fence, and requires ingress and egress through a specific gate. The Detention Unit houses maximum security inmates.

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19. All inmates could make use of the Day Room, and inmates with phase two 1 2 or phase three privileges could visit inmates in other pods. (*Id.*) 3 20. On July 2 and 3, 2010, Seawright was housed at Stiner Dorm 2 ("Dorm 2"). (Doc. 53 at 4, ¶ 21; Smith at 2.) 4 5 21. On July 2, 2010, in order to accommodate newly arrived inmates, Seawright was moved from Dorm 2, Pod F, to Dorm 2, Pod D. (Doc. 53 at 4, ¶ 21.) 6 7 **Staffing** 22. The ADC's Central Office established standardized staffing patterns for all 9 institutions. (Smith at 8.) 10 23. On July 3, 2010, DO 524 dated November 24, 2009, was in effect. (*Id.*) 11 24. Wardens in coordination with the Central Office established post charts to 12 provide that adequate staff was assigned based on the needs of the institution. (Smith at 13 9.) 14 25. Shift Lieutenants scheduled and maintained adequate staffing using shift 15 rosters and addressed irregularities in staffing patterns with the unit Deputy Warden 16 and/or Chief of Security. (Id.) 17 26. Irregularities in staffing could have been caused by such things as employee vacancies, employees on leave, and unplanned absences. (*Id.*) 18 19 27. When there were insufficient employees to staff every post, modifications to staffing were made. (*Id.*) 20 21 28. In some cases, a staff member was "cross-leveled" or sent from his/her 22 assigned unit to assist another unit. (Smith at 10.) 23 29. At the start of each shift, the unit Shift Commander would notify the 24 Complex Shift Commander of staffing total changes for cross-leveling. (*Id.*) 25 30. On July 3, 2010, Sgt. Thompson was the unit Shift Commander at Stiner. (*Id*.) 26 27

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Commander would reconcile institutional staffing levels and make the decision to cross-

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- 33. Sgt. Thompson had no control over the ultimate number of staff available for work at Stiner on July 3, 2010. (Smith at 13.)
- 34. Based on the ultimate number of staff available, a post could be "collapsed", which means that a post did not have a dedicated employee assigned. (Smith at 14.)
- 35. Instead, an employee(s) already assigned to a post would take on the additional assignment of also covering the "collapsed" post. (Id.)
- 36. This ensured that each dorm received the required inmate security checks, which were required to be performed twice per hour but not at regular times or intervals. (Id.)
- 37. On the post collapse chart beginning at the bottom, the column farthest to the left contains numbers (1 through 18), which represent the number of employees staffed. (Smith at 15.)
- 38. The third column from the left entitled "Days" lists the corresponding post to be collapsed based on the number of employees staffed. (*Id.*)
- 39. For example, if there were 18 employees staffed the Stiner Dorm 6 Floor Officer post would be collapsed; if there were 17 employees staffed the Stiner Dorm 1 Floor Officer post would be collapsed; if there were 16 employees staffed the Stiner Blue Yard 3 post would be collapsed; if there were 15 employees staffed the Stiner Dorm 4 Control Officer post would be collapsed; if there were 14 employees staffed the Stiner Dorm 3 Control Officer post would be collapsed; and, if there were 13 employees

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staffed the Stiner Dorm 6 Control Officer post would be collapsed (but only after authorization by the Deputy Warden or his designee). (*Id.*)

- 40. On July 3, 2010, according to the Stiner Cross-Leveling chart, the Dorm Control Officer for Dorm 3 was cross-leveled from Stiner Unit to Buckley Unit. (Smith at 16-17.) This is represented by a "-1" under the column entitled "Stiner" and by a "+1" under the column entitled "Buckley." (Smith at 16.)
- 41. On July 3, 2010, according to the ASPC-Lewis Staffing Numbers, Stiner had sixteen employees scheduled, which is shown on the "Stiner" "Unit" horizontal line, under the "Roster" column. (Smith at 17.)
- 42. Four of the sixteen employees were on special assignment, which is shown on the "Stiner" "Unit" horizontal line, under the "Special Assign" column. (Id.) The number of employees staffed on that day was twelve, which is shown on the "Stiner" "Unit" horizontal line, under the "Actual" column. (*Id.*)
- 43. These staffing numbers resulted in each of Stiner's Dorms 1 through 6 only having the Dorm Control Officer post staffed, leaving the Dorm Floor Officer unstaffed or "collapsed", and the Dorm Control Officer performing the duties of both the Dorm Control and Dorm Floor officer. (Smith at 18.)
- At 7:15 a.m., the Dorm Control Officer for Dorm 3 left Stiner Unit to 44. cross-level to Buckley Unit, as ordered by the Complex Shift Commander. (Smith at 19.)
- 45. Based on the Stiner Post Collapse Chart, the first post to be collapsed (based on 18 employees) would have been the Stiner Dorm 6 Floor Officer post; however, this post was already collapsed. (Smith at 20.)
- 46. The next post to be collapsed (based on 17 employees) would have been the Stiner Dorm 1 Floor Officer post; however, this post was also already collapsed. (*Id.*) The next post to be collapsed (based on 16 employees) would have been the Stiner Blue Yard 3 post; however, this post was also already collapsed. (*Id.*)

- 47. Based on the Stiner Post Collapse Chart, the next post to be collapsed (based on 15 employees) would have been the Stiner Dorm 4 Control Officer post; however, Sgt. Thompson did not collapse this post. (Smith at 21.)
- 48. The next post to be collapsed (based on 14 employees) would have been the Stiner Dorm 3 Control Officer post; however, this post was already collapsed due to the officer being cross-leveled from Stiner to Buckley Unit. (Smith at 16-17, 22.)
- 49. The next post to be collapsed (based on 13 employees) would have been the Stiner Dorm 6 Control Officer post. (Smith at 23.) According to the Stiner Priority Collapse Chart, anytime staff numbers fell below fourteen, the Deputy Warden was to be notified. (*Id.*)
- 50. Further, in order to collapse this post, the Deputy Warden had to provide authorization. (*Id.*)
- 51. Sgt. Thompson called the Deputy Warden to obtain authorization to collapse this post; however, Sgt. Thompson did not receive a response. (*Id.*)
 - 52. Sgt. Thompson did not collapse this post. (*Id.*)
- 53. Sgt. Thompson's staffing decisions did not adversely affect the coverage of the yards. (Smith at 24.) Sgt. Thompson was balancing the staffing needs of six dorms, Dorms 1 through 3 on the Blue yard and Dorms 4 through 6 on the Red yard. (*Id.*)
- 54. As a result of Sgt. Thompson not collapsing the Stiner Dorm 4 Control Officer post or the Dorm 6 Control Officer post, there were two officers covering three dorms on the Blue Yard, and three officers covering three dorms on the Red Yard. (*Id.*)
- 55. Had Sgt. Thompson followed the Post Priority Collapse Chart, the end result would have been virtually the same; there would have been three officers covering three dorms on one yard and two officers covering three dorms on the other yard. (Smith at 25.) However to arrive to this position, Sgt. Thompson would have had to move an officer from the Red Yard to the Blue Yard, which would have resulted in the moving

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- officer not being at any post during the transition and only two officers posted on each yard during the transition. (*Id.*)
- 56. Further, to collapse Dorm 6, Sgt. Thompson would have had to reassign the Dorm 6 officer to Dorm 4, which would have resulted in shuffling the officers to arrive at the same result. (Smith at 26.)
- 57. Sgt. Thompson's decision caused the least amount of disruption to arrive at virtually the same staffing result, involved zero moves of officers between yards, allowed the greatest number of officers to be at their posts for the greatest amount of time, and did not increase the risk to any inmates, including the inmates in Dorm 2. (Smith at 27.)
- 58. In reviewing Sgt. Thompson's deposition on August 7, 2012, he apparently misremembered which dorms he actually collapsed. (Smith at 28.)
- 59. From Smith's review of the staffing records, the dorms were collapsed as set forth in Smith's Declaration. (Id.)
- 60. Regardless of which actual dorms were collapsed, the staffing set out by Sgt. Thompson did not increase the risk to any inmates, including the inmates in Dorm 2. (Smith at 29.)
- 61. It was and is acceptable correctional practice to have one officer responsible for performing inmate security checks for two medium-custody dorms at the same time, as the inmate checks are still physically conducted twice per hour. (Smith at 30.)

Sgt. Clayton Thompson

62. On July 3, 2010, Defendant Clayton Thompson was a Correctional Sergeant assigned to the Stiner Unit. (Deposition of Clayton Thompson at 26:14-16 (Aug. 7, 2012) (hereinafter "Thompson Depo. at ___"), attached hereto as Exhibit D and incorporated herein by this reference.

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- 63. On July 3, 2010, Thompson worked the day shift, which began at 6:00 a.m. and ended at 2:00 p.m. (*Id.* at 26:14-16; 28:5-10.)
- 64. Each morning, one of Sgt. Thompson's first tasks was to review that day's roster or shift staffing roster. (Id. at 28:14-19.) The roster for Stiner indicated who was available to work that day at the various Stiner posts due to staff calling out, being on scheduled leave, or on special assignment. (*Id.* at 29:13-25; 30:1-25.)
- 65. On July 3, 2010, the shift roster indicated that the Stiner would be short-staffed. (*Id.* at 31:1-5.) That is, the number of staff available to be posted at the Stiner Unit would be less than the standard allocation. (*Id.* at 36:9-14.)
- 66. Because of this staffing shortage, Sgt. Thompson was required to notify the Stiner Unit Deputy Warden. (Id. at 31:1-9.) He did; Sgt. Thompson called and left a message for Stiner Deputy Warden McCarville advising him of the shortage. (Id. at 31:18-24; 35:4-8, 14-16.)
- 67. Because he was unable to reach Deputy Warden McCarville, Sgt. Thompson had to make staffing decisions due to the staffing issues. (*Id.* at 44:20-23.)
- 68. It was breakfast time and the inmates had to eat, Sgt. Thompson decided to collapse the unit. (*Id.* at 44:24-25; 45:1; 46:7-9.)
- 69. Collapsing the unit is a method to make sure that each dorm received the required security and inmate welfare checks. (Id. at 46:10-22.) These inmate security checks were required to be conducted twice each hour, but not at regular times or intervals during the hour. (Jackson-Bey at 7.)
- 70. Typically each dorm was staffed with a "Dorm Control Officer" and "Housing Unit Floor Office". The duties of a Housing Unit Security Officer is described in Stiner Post Order ("PO") PO-054-STI. Officers assigned to work a dormitory were either assigned to the post of "Dorm Officer" or "Floor Officer". The Dorm Officer post had to be assigned and could not be collapsed. If the Floor Officer post was collapsed, the Dorm Officer was responsible for the duties of both posts. The duties of a Housing

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Seawright had changed housing assignments the day before the July 3 assault. (Id. at

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At approximately 7:10 a.m., Officer Blondin began the "turn out" of Dorm

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2 inmates for breakfast. (*Id.*)

- 85. At approximately 7:22 a.m., Officer Blondin conducted another security check of Dorm 2. (*Id.*) Officer Blondin observed that all inmates in Dorm 2 were living and breathing and there were not any security issues. (*Id.*)
- 86. At approximately 7:30 a.m., Sgt. Thompson advised Officer Blondin that because of staffing issues she would be assigned as the Floor Officer for both Dorms 2 and 3. (*Id.*)
 - 87. This was commonly known as collapsing posts. (Blondin Depo. at 45:1-5.)
- 88. When assigned to two posts, Officer Blondin spent the majority of her time conducting security checks and was unable to perform all of the duties for both posts. (*Id.* at 83:21-25; 84:1-10.)
- 89. Officer Blondin recorded all Inmate Welfare Checks she conducted, as well as other types of security checks and inspections, in the Correctional Service Journal. (Defendant Blondin's Response to Plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories at Response to Interrogatory No. 7 (03/26/2012), attached hereto at Exhibit H and incorporated herein by this reference.)
- 90. At approximately 7:40 a.m., Officer Blondin continued to monitor and supervise the inmates returning from chow. (Ex. F, IMS Rpt. at 0028 (AIR).)
- 91. Once all of the inmates were inside of Dorm 2, she began to lock down Dorm 2. (*Id.*)
- 92. Shortly after 7:40 a.m., Officer Blondin gave the Dorm 2 keys to CO II Jackson-Bey so that she could finish securing the Dorm 2 inmates. (*Id.*)
- 93. Officer Blondin left Dorm 2 and went to Dorm 3 to release the Dorm 3 inmates to the dining hall for breakfast. (*Id.*)
- 94. At approximately 7:56 a.m., while Officer Blondin was at Dorm 3, CO II Jackson-Bey initiated the Incident Command System (ICS) and Officer Blondin heard that inmate Seawright was found injured in Dorm 2. (*Id.*)

- 95. At approximately 7:57 a.m., Officer Blondin arrived at Dorm 2, all inmates in the Dorm 2 D Pod were secured in the Dorm 2 inmate Day Room, and Officer Blondin was stationed at the Day Room door to monitor the inmates. (*Id.*)
- 96. Officer Blondin had no information or suspicion that there were any issues or threats involving inmate Seawright before this assault. (Blondin Depo. at 23:1-18.)
- 97. It is not unusual for a correctional officer to cover two dorms at one time. (*Id.* at 32:10-13.)

Officer Edna Jackson-Bey

- 98. On July 3, 2010, Officer Jackson-Bey was assigned as the day-shift Dorm-1 Control Room Officer and arrived at work at approximately 5:45 a.m. (Jackson-Bey at 6.) She attended the morning briefing and learned that there was not a Housing Security Officer on day shift and that she would be performing the duties of both the Dorm Officer and the Floor Officer, which included conducting inmate security (also known as inmate health and welfare checks) checks. (*Id.*)
- 99. On July 3, 2010, prior to the incident, Officer Jackson-Bey was responsible for inmate security (health and welfare) checks in Dorm 1. (Jackson-Bey at 7.) Such inmate checks were conducted within each pod/run by confirming each inmate's well-being by observing "living breathing flesh." (*Id.*) These inmate security checks were required to be conducted twice each hour, but not at regular times or intervals during the hour. (*Id.*) If done at regular intervals, inmates would know when they were not being observed. (*Id.*) Officer Jackson-Bey conducted these inmate checks by walking down each run, observing the inmates, and checking for any security issues or problems. (*Id.*)
- 100. Due to staffing issues, Sgt. Thompson directed that Officer Jackson-Bey was to be jointly responsible with another correctional officer for inmate security checks in Dorm 3. (Jackson-Bey at 8.) CO II Herrera and CO II Jackson-Bey were responsible for inmate security checks in Dorm 3 from approximately 6:00 a.m. to approximately

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27 28 7:15 a.m., and CO II Blondin and CO II Jackson-Bey were responsible for inmate security checks from approximately 7:28 a.m. to approximately 7:56 a.m. (*Id.*)

- Officer Jackson-Bey was not responsible for conducting inmate security checks in Dorm 2 at any time on July 3, 2010. (Jackson–Bey at 9.)
- 102. Sometime shortly before 7:56 a.m. that morning—Officer Jackson-Bey is not sure of the exact time only that it was shortly before she initiated the Incident Command System (ICS) at 7:56 a.m.—Officer Blondin gave Officer Jackson-Bey the Dorm 2 keys so that Officer Jackson-Bey could continue to secure the Dorm 2 inmates returning from the dining hall. (Jackson–Bey at 10.) Securing inmates returning from the dining hall required Officer Jackson-Bey to close and lock (secure) the remaining open pod doors, which were Pods D, E, and F, and to secure the main door to Dorm 2. (*Id.*) Due to staffing issues, CO II Blondin went to "turn out" the Dorm 3 inmates to the dining hall for their breakfast. (*Id.*)
- Officer Jackson-Bey had completed securing the pod doors in Dorm 2 and was about to exit Dorm 2 when she heard banging on a window. (Jackson–Bey at 11.) She turned and noticed the sound was coming from Pod D. (Id.) Officer Jackson-Bey went to the Pod D door, saw two inmates banging on the glass, and went in. (Id.) An inmate told Officer Jackson-Bey that she needed to call medical. (*Id.*)
- 104. The inmates brought Officer Jackson-Bey to where inmate Seawright was lying in his bunk, making a sound as if he was snoring. (Jackson-Bey at 12.) She moved closer, however, and saw blood. (Id.) Officer Jackson-Bey immediately initiated ICS and called for a supervisor. (*Id.*)
- "ICS" is an acronym for Incident Command System, which consists of specific, progressive, proactive and reactive step-by-step procedures that allow for the flexible response to situations of any magnitude. (*Id.*) It involves, among other things, a radio call to all available officers to respond to a situation. (Id.) Officers are required to initiate ICS in situations involving an injury or assault. (*Id.*)

1	106. The supervisor immediately was on the scene, assumed command as	
2	incident commander and, among other calls, called 911. (Id.)	
3	107. On July 2, 2010, the date of Seawright's alleged incident with another	
4	inmate, Officer Jackson-Bey was not assigned to Dorm 2, Seawright's dorm. (Jackson-	
5	Bey at 13.) Officer Jackson-Bey was assigned to Dorm 6 and had no involvement,	
6	interaction or knowledge about or with inmate Seawright. (Id.)	
7	108. Officer Jackson-Bey had no information or suspicion that there were any	
8	issues or threats involving inmate Seawright before this assault. (Jackson–Bey at 14)	
9	109. On July 3, 2010, Officer Jackson-Bey was not assigned to Dorm 2 until	
10	just prior to the incident and was not aware of any issue relating to inmate Seawright or	
11	his safety. (Jackson–Bey at 15.)	
12	110. It is and was not unusual for a correctional officer to be located outside of	
13	the dorm during turn out for chow. (Jackson–Bey at 17.)	
14	111. Officer Jackson-Bey was not aware of any additional danger to inmates	
15	that would be a result of the collapse of the units. (Jackson–Bey at 18.) Security checks	
16	were still to being conducted twice per hour. (Id.)	
17	112. The activities and checks that Officer Jackson-Bey performed on July 3,	
18	2010, were similar to the numerous security checks that she has performed in the past	
19	and she had no reason to believe that any inmate would be in danger by following these	
20	procedures. (Jackson–Bey at 19.)	
21	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 28th day of February, 2013.	
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